

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. [REDACTED] exercise in ferrying tanks across the Luznice River in July 1952 in the area of Sezimovo Usti 4923N-1442E. The exercise was performed by a tank unit stationed in Tabor 4925N-1440E. The tanks used during the exercise had barrels about two meters long with muzzle brakes. The river at the point of crossing was about 80 to 100 m. wide and 1 to 1.8 m. deep, with a very slow current. 25X1
2. The ferry consisted of four steel pontoons linked by a pair of iron railings. The pontoons had slightly inclined walls so as to fit one into another, thus facilitating transportation of the pontoons. The floor of the ferry was of logs. The ferry was fixed by a steel cable to a pivot, this arrangement allowing a pendulous movement across the river. The ferry was pulled from one side to the other by two cables, each of which was spanned between the ferry and a winch fixed to a truck. Wooden platforms, facing the ferry, were built on both river banks. The ferry was attached to the platforms by a pair of strong ropes during embarkment or disembarkment of a load.
3. When the exercise was over, the ferry was disassembled and the pontoons were pulled out of the river by means of a winch. Loading of pontoons on the truck was facilitated by a pair of skids attached to the rear boards of the trucks. The pontoons were loaded, two on each truck, by means of a steel cable which was led from the winch across the top of the driver's cabin.
4. The greatest difficulty during the exercise was apparently the construction of embarking and disembarking platforms. Although made of logs, they would be pressed into the soil under the weight of passing tanks, and new layers of logs frequently had to be laid.

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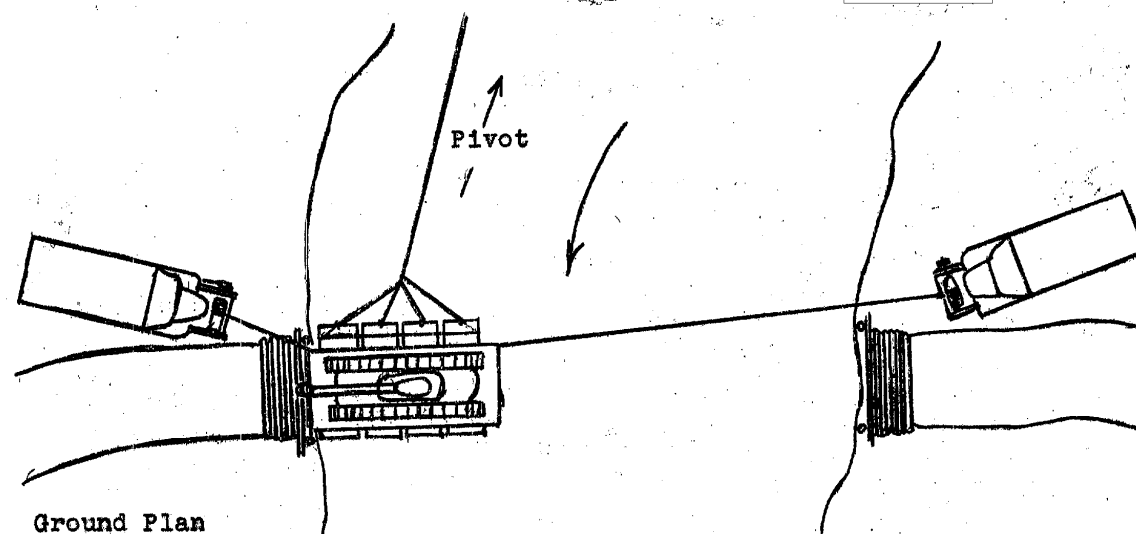
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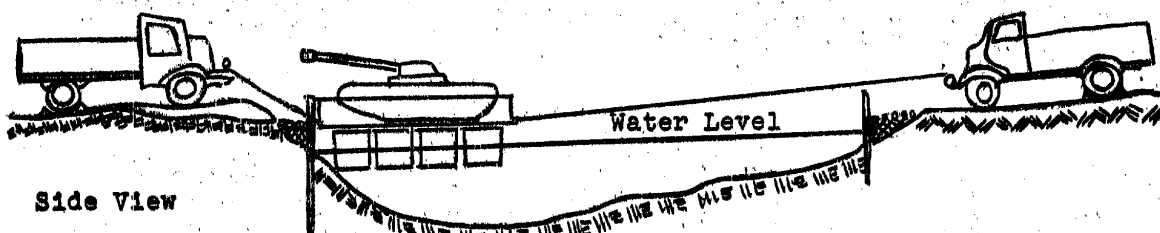
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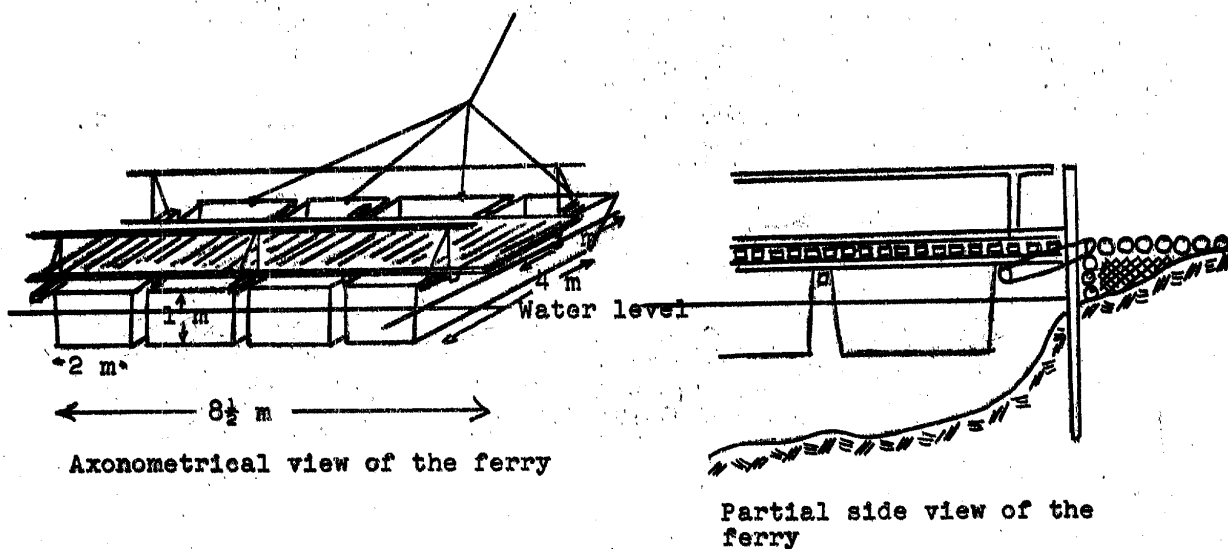
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Ground Plan



Side View



Axonometrical view of the ferry

Partial side view of the ferry

Sketch of Tank Ferry  
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